

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 8 and 10 – 21 are pending.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 – 8 and 10 – 21 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Prahlad et al. The rejection is respectfully traversed. Submitted herewith is a declaration under 37 CFR § 1.131 signed by co-inventors Ajay Pratap Singh Kushwah on January 26, 2008 and Venkatesha Murthy on February 5, 2008 and Exhibits A – P which establish an actual reduction to practice on October 29, 2002, which is prior to November 13, 2003, the date of the Prahlad et al. reference. The Examiner did not consider the previously submitted declaration under 37 CFR § 1.131 filed on August 27, 2007 to be sufficient to overcome the rejection. The declaration under 37 CFR § 1.131 and accompanying exhibits submitted herewith address the Examiner's concerns and are believed to be sufficient to overcome the rejection. It is therefore believed that claims 1 – 8 and 10 – 21 are allowable.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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